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### **Renaissance Strategic Advisors Adds Paul Collins to its Board of Senior Advisors**

London, UK – Global aerospace and defence advisory firm Renaissance Strategic Advisors has named Paul Collins to its Board of Senior Advisors. Managing Principal Michael Formosa stated, “Paul brings vast experience in dealing with international security issues and is widely recognized as a global leader in military capability development. We are very pleased to have Paul join our team.”

Captain Paul Collins (Ret.) left the UK Armed Forces in 2012. For his last military appointment he was rapidly sent to Cairo, just weeks before the Arab Spring, to serve as Defence Attaché during the uprising and remained to act as external military advisor to the Egyptian Armed Forces Supreme Command, supporting them in their efforts to modernise their defence and security capabilities and provide a more regional perspective, post the revolution.

His experience in the area of military capabilities is both exceptionally broad and deep, and focused on international co-operation. Prior to his tour in the Middle East and drawing on a full career in maritime and aviation warfare, he directed the EU’s efforts to improve and develop Europe’s defence capabilities as part of its Common Foreign & Defence Policy. Firstly from within the EU’s own military staff but later, in 2004, he was selected by the EU’s Secretary General to be his personal political and military representative on a small, ministerial selected team to establish the European Defence Agency. A year later he was chosen as the first Chief of Capability Development within the Agency. He co-authored the European Long Term Vision and created the Capability Development Plan, both of which remain cornerstones of the EU’s and many partner-nation’s equipment acquisition plans.

He writes and speaks on the Arab Spring, Egypt’s place in the Levant and Europe’s defence and security development initiatives.

Managing Partner John Kenkel commented, “There are few individuals anywhere with Paul’s experience in the field of military capability development. Combining this hands-on experience with his role as one of the founders of the European Defence Agency will provide a perspective that is unmatched in the market.”

Renaissance Strategic Advisors is a Washington D.C and London -based, aerospace and defence industry advisory firm focused on corporate strategy development, strategic business development services and due diligence/M&A support services. The firm works with clients across the full lifecycle – from venture start-ups to industry leaders; and up and down the value chain – from component manufacturers to prime contractors. In select cases, the company is also able to provide venture and private equity capital via affiliates and key strategic partnerships.

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